

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Stinson,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Garrison, Senator Field was excused from yesterday till April 1.

And

SENATOR FIELD

Was excused for last Monday.

On motion of Senator Woods,

Senator Allen was excused for two days.

On motion of Senator Woods.

Was excused for two days on account of important business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR JARVIS:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred Senate bill No. 351, entitled:

"An act to repeal occupation taxes on drummers or commercial travelers," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS, chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR TERRELL:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No.

1 to whom was referred Senate bill No. 285, entitled,

"An act to authorize an election for the removal of the county seat of Hardin county," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your committee, Judiciary No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No 529, entitled:

"An act to authorize the Governor to order through the proper officials, the institution prosecution or defense of any civil action or suit whenever he deems such course proper for the assertion or defense of any right of the State, and to render said officials such assistance as to him may seem necessary or expedient," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Bill read first time.

TERRELL, chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 347 entitled,

"An act to authorize town and city councils to secure and protect the safety of persons in school houses, hotels, theatres, halls and other buildings, let or used for public assemblies, by requiring the same to be made, kept and constructed safe and secure against accidents in case of fire," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 350, entitled:

"An act to amend section 24, of an act incorporating the city of Houston, Harris county," approved April 21, 1879," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred House bill No. 316, entitled:

"An act to require foreign corporations to file their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State, and imposing certain conditions upon such corporations transacting business in the State and providing penalties for a violation of the same," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM }
AUSTIN, February 26, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 224 entitled:

"An act to amend Article 1045, chapter 7, title 26, of the Revised Civil Statutes regulating practice in the supreme court and court of appeals," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

AMENDMENT

Strike out Article 1047.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary No. 1 to whom was referred Senate bill No. 353, entitled,

"An act to amend Article 506, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas relating to the incorporation of towns and villages, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR BELL:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 370, entitled:

"An act to create Article 198a of of chapter 2, title 8, of the Penal Code of Texas, for the punishment of persons who divulge the secrets of grand juries," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 327, entitled:

"An act to make it penal to fraudulently dispose of any property upon which there is a landlord's lien," have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

SENATOR FRANK

Sent up the following privileged report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 28, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 274, being:

"An act to amend Article 2725, of title 48, of chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

BY SENATOR LANE:

Sent up the following privileged reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 122, being:

"An act to amend Article 1985, chapter 17, title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 128, being

"An act to authorize counties, cities and towns, to compromise and adjust certain bonded indebtedness; and to provide for the levy and collections of taxes to pay the interest and sinking fund, and find the same correctly enrolled, and this day, at 11 o'clock, a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature."

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 281, being

"An act to create a commission of arbitration and award and define the powers and duties thereof, and to make an appropriation to pay the salaries of the judges thereof," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 5, being:

"An act to amend Article 1653, title 33, of the Revised Civil Statutes," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 329, being:

"An act to amend an act to amend an act entitled 'an act re-district the State into judicial district and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1884,' approved April 9, 1883, approved March 24, 1885, to create the forty-third judicial district of the State of Texas, fix the times for holding court therein and to provide for the appointment of a district judge for said district," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

To the Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 342 being:

"An act to prescribe the time of holding court in the thirty-ninth judicial district," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10 o'clock, a. m. presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 259, being

"An act to amend an act passed at the regular session of the Nineteenth Legislature entitled 'an act to amend section 9 of an act to re-district the State into judicial districts, and fix the time for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' passed at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 77, being:

"An act to provide for the sale of such appropriated public lands, situated in the organized counties of the State of Texas, as contain no more than six hundred and forty acres," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 306, being

"An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

LANE, acting chairman.

BY SENATOR M'DONALD:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 284, entitled:

"An act to amend section 5 of an act approved February 6, 1884, entitled 'an act to amend sections 5, 7, 26 and 39, of an act entitled 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' approved April 9, 1883," have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the accompanying amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MCDONALD, chairman.

Bill read first time.

Amend House bill No 284 by striking out section 5 and insert in lieu thereof the following section 5.

The fifth judicial District shall be

composed of the counties of Bowie, Cass, Marion, Morris, Titus, Franklin and Camp and the district courts therein shall be held as follows:

In the county of Cass on the first Monday in February and the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session four weeks.

In the county of Bowie on the fourth Monday after the first Monday in February and the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session four weeks.

In the county of Morris on the eighth Monday after the first Monday in February and the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Titus on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in February and the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Franklin on the twelfth Monday after the first Monday in February and fourth Monday in August and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Camp on the fourteenth Monday after the first Monday in February and the fourth Monday in August and may continue in session three weeks.

In the county of Marion, on the seventeenth Monday after the first Monday in February and fourth Monday in August and may continue in session five weeks.

Second amendment, add section 4 to the bill as follows:

Section 4. The near approach of the close of the session of the present legislature creates an imperative public necessity and emergency for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and that this act take effect and be in force on and after the first day of August, A. D. 1887, and it is so enacted.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred:

Substitute House bill No. 241, entitled:

"An act to prescribe the time when the district courts of the eighth judicial district shall be held and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MCDONALD, chairman.

Bill read first time.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, March 29, 1887. {

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate;

Sir—Your Committee on Judicial Districts to whom was referred House bill No. 556, entitled:

"An act to amend section 18 of an act entitled 'an act to re-district the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding court therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884,' have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MCDONALD, chairman.

SENATOR TERRELL

Submitted the following minority report:

To the Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—The undersigned members of your Judiciary Committee No. 1, differing from the majority of said committee regarding Senate bill No. 345, relating to civil suits for damages for libellous publications, beg leave to submit the following minority report:

We believe that with a few minor amendments said bill should become a law. Within the last few years quite a number of suits have been brought against the responsible newspapers of this State alleging malicious libel and claiming fabulous damages. Nearly all of said suits have been brought on account of news items telegraphed under mistakes of fact and clearly made without malice or intent to injure. It is painfully evident that in many instances suits have been filed not so much for the purpose of repairing an injured reputation as to fill a depleted pocket. Other suits have been brought upon the belief that compromise would be offered, and the damage to a character exchanged for a moderate equivalent in cash.

In addition to this much mystery has been made to cloud the present law regarding libel. Such mystery still exists, and even among excellent lawyers,

there is to be found differences of opinion upon the subject. In our judgment no other law has ever been so thoroughly misunderstood by both press and people, and from such misunderstanding some of the latter have seen in suits for damages to an injured name, imagining mines of wealth, and some of the former have worked themselves into a frenzy because of imaginary dangers.

Most of these suits have ended in victories for the journals, but at the same time these results have cost the defendants both time and money. Doubtless the belief that the newspapers would pay a small sum for tribute rather than pay a large one for defense, has been the cause of many of the suits.

The present bill, if enacted into law, would in a measure remedy the evil.

It makes but slight changes in what we conceive the law to be, but it makes plain that which is uncertain and coins into statutes the decisions of courts and the rules of the common law.

That its enactment would result in much good we do not doubt, and therefore we recommend that the bill do pass.

TERRELL,
GLASSCOCK,
For minority.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. {
Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House passed the following bill:

House substitute for Senate bill No. 54:

"An act to authorize counties to issue bonds for bridge purposes, and to levy a tax to pay the same, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, with amendments.

WILL LAMBERT,
[Chief Clerk House Representatives.]

SENATOR ABERCROMBIE

Offered the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution offered yesterday by Senator Glasscock:

Resolved, That the Secretary be retained forty days, and the Assistant Secretary and Journal Clerk be retained twenty-five days each to prepare a complete index to the Journal, have the Journals bound and mailed to each of the Senators and members of the

House of the Twentieth Legislature, and to do such other persons as has been heretofore provided, and to do such other things as may be necessary in connection with the indexing and mailing of such Journals, the said Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Journal Clerk to be paid as they are now paid for such services out of the contingent fund of the Twentieth Legislature on the warrant of the President of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Glasscock,

The Secretary was excused for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Woods,

The Senate refused to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 174.

"An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 'an act prescribing and fixing the venue of suits against foreign corporations, joint stock companies or associations, or acting corporations or associations doing business within this State, and to provide the mode of serving process on such corporations or associations,' approved March 31, 1885."

On motion of Senator Douglass of Jefferson,

The constitutional rule was suspended to take out of its order Senate bill No. 285.

"An act to authorize an election for the removal of the county seat of Hardin county."

By the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Abercrombie,	Calhoun.
Armistead,	Camp,
Bell,	Claiborne,
Harrison,	Knittle,
Houston,	Lane,
Jarvis,	McDonald,
Davis,	MacManus,
Douglass of J,	Pope,
Frank,	Simkins,
Garrison,	Stinson,
Glasscock,	Woods.
Gregg,	Woodward.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT—4.

Burges,	Douglass of G,
Burney,	Terrell.

The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Douglass of Jefferson

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill was placed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—25.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Houston,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	MacManus.
Camp,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Simkins,
Davis,	Stinson,
Douglass of J,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward.
Glasscock,	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT—3.

Douglass of G	McDonald.
Lane,	

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead	Harrison,
Bell,	Houston,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass, of J,	Simkins,
Frank,	Stinson,
Garrison,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Woodward.

NAYS.—none.

ABSENT.—4.

Camp,	Lane,
Douglass, of G,	Upshaw.

On motion of Senator Calhoun Senate bill No. 68 (validating the official acts of Wm. Veal)

Was taken up as unfinished business with amendment of Senator Calhoun pending.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Calhoun The constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill was placed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote.

YEAS—51.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Houston,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	Lane,
Claiborne,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Simkins,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward.
Glasscock,	

NAYS—none.

ABSENT—3.

Camp,	Stinson.
McDonald,	

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Houston,
Armistead,	Jarvis,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burges,	Lane,
Burney,	MacManus,
Calhoun,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Simkins,
Davis,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward.
Gregg,	

NAYS—1.

Harrison.

ABSENT—4.

Camp,	Glasscock,
Douglass of J,	McDonald.

Senate bill No. 220.

"An act to carry into effect section 5, Article 10, of the constitution of the State of Texas, and to prescribe a penalty for the violation thereof," was laid before the Senate with amendment of Senator Woodward pending.

SENATOR HARRISON.

Offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Strike out "State penitentiary" and insert "county jail" strike out "nor more than five years" and insert "months nor more than two years."

SENATORS WOODWARD, MACMANUS,
BURGES AND POPE

Opposed the substitute.

SENATORS HARRISON AND BELL.

Favored the substitute.

It was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Armistead,	Gregg,
Bell,	Harrison.
Camp,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Simkins.
Frank,	

NAYS—17.

Abercrombie,	Knittle,
Burges,	Lane,
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Woods,
Houston,	Woodward.
Jarvis,	

SENATOR STINSON

Moved to amend the amendment by fixing the penalty at not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000.

Accepted.

SENATOR ABERCROMBIE

Moved to

Amend amendment by striking out of the amendment all after the word "sum" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Not less than five thousand dollars, and every day during which the provisions of this act shall so continue to be violated shall be deemed a separate offense."

The amendment to the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—16.

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Armistead,	Gregg,
Bell,	Harrison,
Burney,	Jarvis,
Camp,	Knittle,
Claiborne,	McDonald,
Douglass of J,	MacManus,
Douglass of G,	Simkins,

NAYS—12.

Burges,	Lane,
Calhoun,	Pope,
Davis,	Stinson.
Garrison,	Terrell,
Glasscock	Woods,
Houston,	Woodward.

SENATOR TERRELL

Opposed, and

SENATOR BELL

Favored the amendment as amended.
It was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Abercrombie,	Douglass of G.
Armistead,	Frank,
Bell,	Glasscock,
Burney,	Gregg,
Camp,	Jarvis,
Claiborne,	McDonald,

NAYS—15.

Burges,	MacManus.
Calhoun,	Pope.
Davis,	Simkins,
Garrison,	Stinson,
Harrison,	Terrell,
Houston,	Woods.
Knittle,	Woodward.
Lane,	

ABSENT—1.

Douglass of J.

(Senator Houston in the chair.)

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House passed the following bill:

House bill No. 448,

"An act making an appropriation for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1887, and ending February 28, 1889, and for other purposes."

Also,

That the House concurs in the Senate amendment to House concurrent resolution No. 15, fixing the date for the adjournment, sine die, of the two Houses of the Twentieth Legislature.

Also that the House has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Senate be respectfully requested to return to the House Senate bill No. 200

For the purpose of investigating alleged tampering with the same since the House amended and passed said bill.

WIML LAMBERT, chief clerk,
House Representatives.

SENATOR TERRELL

Moved to

Amend by striking out the words "or in any way control in line 5, and also strike out in lines 10 and 11 the words "owning or having under its control or management" and insert in lieu thereof the words, "in leasing or purchasing."

SENATOR HARRISON

Opposed.

And

SENATORS BELL AND TERRELL

Favored the amendment.

It was adopted by the following vote

YEAS—19.

Bell,	Houston,
Burges,	Knittle,
Burney,	Lane,
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass of J.	Stinson.
Douglass, of G.	Terrell,
Frank,	Upshaw,
Garrison,	Woods.
Harrison,	

NAYS—9.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Jarvis,
Camp,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Simkins.
Field,	

ABSENT—1.

Glasscock.

SENATOR BURGESS

Moved to amend by adding to section 2:

"Provided that no persons shall be liable to punishment under this act who has not, by virtue of his office, agency or position, a voice in the management of the railway company, or who has not by virtue of his office, agency or position, some power to prevent a violation of this act."

SENATORS BURGESS AND GREGG

Favored the amendment,

And,

It was adopted.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Moved to strike out the enacting clause.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—5.

Burges,	Lane,
Claiborne,	Simkins,
Houston,	

NAYS—22.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward.

ABSENT—1.

Glasscock,

SENATOR BURNEY

Moved the previous question. Seconded.

The Senate refused to order the main question.

SENATOR POPE

Moved to

Amend by making the penalty for violating the provisions of the act at a fine not less than \$1000 nor more than \$4000.

SENATOR GREGG

Moved the previous question, on the amendment and the bill.

Seconded and the main question ordered.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—18.

Bell,	Knittle,
Burges,	Lane,
Burney,	MacManus,
Calhoun,	Pope,
Davis,	Simkins,
Douglass of G.,	Stinson,
Garrison,	Terrell,
Houston,	Woods,
Jarvis,	Woodward.

NAYS—9.

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Armistead,	Gregg,
Camp,	Harrison,
Claiborne,	McDonald,
Douglass of J.,	

ABSENT—1.

Glasscock,

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Houston,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burges,	Knittle,
Burney,	Lane,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Woodward.
Harrison,	

NAYS—4.

Armistead,	Gregg,
Claiborne,	Simkins.

ABSENT—1.

Glasscock.

On motion of Senator Harrison, the constitutional rule was suspended, and the bill was placed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Burges,
Armistead,	Burney,
Bell,	Calhoun,
Camp,	Knittle,
Davis,	Lane,
Douglass of J,	McDonald,
Douglass of G,	MacManus,
Frank,	Simkins,
Garrison,	Stinson,
Gregg,	Terrell,
Harrison,	Woodward.
Jarvis,	

NAYS—2.

Claiborne,	Woods.
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ABSENT—3.

Glasscock,	Pope.
Houston,	

The bill was read third time.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Moved to amend section 2, line 4, by striking out the word "felony" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "misdemeanor."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burges,	Knittle,
Burney,	Lane,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Davis,	Pope,
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	Mr. President.
Glasscock,	

NAYS—4.

Armistead,	Harrison,
Claiborne,	Simkins.

ABSENT—1.

Houston.
The bill was passed

SENATOR M'DONALD

Entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the House amendments to

Substitute Senate bill No. 200
Were concurred in

THE PRESIDENT

Referred

House bill No. 448

On motion of Senator Knittel

Senate bill No. 331.

"An act to prevent cruelty to animals."

Was taken up and read second time with committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Bell

The committee substitute was adopted

The bill as substituted was ordered engrossed by the following vote

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Houston,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	Lane,
Davis,	MacManus,
Douglass, of J.,	Pope,
Douglass of G,	Stinson.
Frank,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Woodward.
Harrison,	

NAYS—5.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Simkins,
Camp,	

ABSENT—1.

McDonald.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 308.

Lost

Substitute Senate bill No. 282,

"An act to amend 'an act to amend Articles 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 80 and 97 of an act entitled an act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,' passed March 17, 1879, and to amend Articles 75 and 79, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas as amended on April 18, 1879, and to add Article 68a, relating to asylums," was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Houston,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Calhoun,	Knittle,
Claiborne,	Lane,
Davis,	MacManus,
Douglass of J,	Pope,
Douglass of G,	Stinson.
Frank,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Woods.
Glasscock,	Woodward.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT—4.

Camp,	Simkins.
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McDonald,

On motion of Senator Burges,

The Senate concurred in House amendments to

Senate bill No. 54.

SENATOR MACMANUS

Moved to suspend the regular of business and take up

Senate bill No. 245.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Woods,

The Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.
Quorum present.

SENATOR WOODWARD.

By leave, sent up a bill to be entitled:

"An act to repeal so much of an act entitled, 'an act to amend Article 711, of the Revised Statutes, defining the boundary of Aransas county, approved March 17, 1887, as relate to the line from survey No. 13, in the name of Larkin Martin, and the northeast corner of survey No. 5, in the name of John N. Seguin, therein established as a boundary line between the counties of San Patricio and Aransas."

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

And

Two petitions from the citizens of San Patricio county praying for the repeal of the law detaching the eastern portion of San Patricio county and attaching the same to county of Aransas."

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By leave Senator Jarvis sent up the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate

Sir—Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred House bill No. 271, entitled,

"An act to provide for the sale of a certain class of bonds and the reinvestment of their proceeds," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment: Amend by adding after the last line of section 1, the following: "Provided that in each case of sale and reinvestment under the act of the county making such sale and reinvestment under this act, the county making such sale and reinvestment, shall be responsible for the same to the county school fund."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS, enairman.

Bill read first time.

House bill No. 52,

"An act to amend title 95 of the Revised Statutes by adding thereto Articles 4710a, 4710b, 4712e, 4748a, 4753a and 4765a, and by amending Articles 4740, 4744, 4746, 4747, 4748 and 4761, so as to provide for a more thorough and

efficient assessment of property and the collection of taxes thereon,"

Was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed.

House bill No. 283,

"An act to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to the heirs of James L. Holmes duplicate bounty warrant for 1920 acres of land," was taken up, read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—18

Abercrombie.	Gregg,
Armistead,	Houston,
Bell,	Knittle,
Burney,	Lane.
Camp,	MacManus,
Douglass of J,	Pope,
Douglass of G.	Stinson,
Garrison,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Woodward.

NAYS—5 .

Frank,	McDonald,
Harrison,	Woods.
Jarvis.	

ABSENT—5.

Burges,	Davis.
Calhoun,	Simkins,
Claiborne,	

THE PRESIDENT

Gave notice of signing the following bills:

House bill No. 112.

"An act to prevent the detention of any railroad passenger train, freight train, or construction train running upon railroads in this State or any injury thereto or to the track or other property of any railroad in this State and to prescribe the punishment therefor," and

House bill No. 59.

"And act to amend chapter 95 of the general laws of the State passed at the regular session of the 16th Legislature."

SENATOR M'DONALD

Moved to take up House bill No 316, out of its regular order.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Bell.

The Senate concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 91.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has concurred in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and thirteenth, and refused to concur in the seventh, twelfth and fourteenth Senate amendments to substitute House bill No. 1,

"An act to amend sections 3642, 45, 48, 56, 61, 62, 63, 66 and 71 of 'an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools for the State of Texas, and to repeal so much of chapter 3, of title 78, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as refer to public free schools outside of incorporated cities and towns assuming or having assumed control of their public free schools, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act,' passed by the Eighteenth Legislature at its special session in 1884, and to further amend said act, adding thereto a new section, to be known as section 43a, providing for county superintendents of public instruction in certain cases, and defining their duties and fixing their compensation,"

And that the House asks for the appointment of a free conference committee on the differences between the two Houses on same, and Messrs. Garwood, Groce, Page, Moore of Travis and Clark of Uvalde have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

Also,

That the House has passed Substitute House bill No. 445.

"An act to establish an asylum for the deaf and dumb and the blind of the youth of the people of color of the State of Texas, and to provide for its government and maintenance, and making an appropriation therefor," by a two-third vote—ayes 76, nays 9.

Also,

That the House concurs in the Senate amendments to

House bill No. 157,

An act to provide for the appointment of receivers, and to define their powers and duties, and to regulate proceedings under any such appointment of receivers.

Also,

That the House concurs in Senate amendments to

House bill No. 387.

"An act to create the counties of Sutton and Will Willson from the county of Crockett.

Also,

That the House concurs in Senate amendments to

House bill No. 355.

"An act to create a Bureau of Agriculture for the State of Texas, and to add it to the Department of Insurance, Statistics and History to properly designate said department and its head and to prescribe the duties belonging to it, relating to agriculture"

WILL LAMBERT, chief clerk,

House of Representatives

SENATOR GLASSCOCK

Moved that the Senate do not recede from its amendments to substitute House bill No. 1, and that the request of the House that free conference committee be appointed be acceded to.

Adopted.

Senators Glasscock, Abercrombie, Camp, MacManus and Knittle were appointed on the free conference committee on the part of the Senate.

(Senator Armistead to the chair.)

SENATOR M'DONALD

By leave sent up the following special committee report:

AUSTIN March 20, 1887.

Hon T. B Wheeler, President of the the Senate:

Your special committee to whom was referred House concurrent resolution No. —, requesting the Governor of the State of Texas to remove Frank Willis, judge of the thirty-first judicial district, from office together with the facts and charges accompanying the same have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report as follows:

As a basis for an investigation being here adopted the charges and findings of the House, which accompany said resolution of address, they have taken testimony oral, written and record offered both by the State and respondent and their investigation has been exhaustive as to all testimony bearing on said charges and findings, and they have confined this testimony to said charges and findings.

They return herewith for the consideration of the Senate all the testimony taken by them, and which embraces the oral testimony of the witnesses, written and printed documents offered in evidence. A synopsis made by the committee, of the transcript offered in evidence by the Attorney General of the proceedings of the Den-

ton county district court, at the January term, 1886, a list of the indictments found at said term of the court, for unlawful enclosure of school, university and asylum lands, together with the said original bills of indictment, and said record itself is offered in evidence.

Upon consideration of said testimony, your committee instruct me to report that they adopt and concur in the charges prepared by the House against Judge Willis, and the committee so adopting and concurring therein, hereby prefer the same as charges against the respondent and recommend that the same, together with the House findings accompanying the same, be spread on the Journals of the Senate as and for the charges against the respondent, and they recommend that a copy of the same be served upon the respondent instant, and that he be notified of the time to be set for the hearing of the same, so that he can be admitted to a hearing in his own defense. In this connection the committee state that respondent was present during the whole time of the investigation in process and was represented by counsel.

Whereupon your committee recommend that the House concurrent resolution which reads as follows:

"Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Governor of the State of Texas be and he is hereby requested to remove the said Frank Willis, judge of the thirty-first judicial district of the State of Texas, from the said office of district judge of said judicial district" be concurred in by the Senate.

McDONALD,
Chairman Special Committee.

(For testimony—see appendix.)

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the resolution adopted this morning requesting the Senate to return to the House Senate bill No. 200, is hereby rescinded."

WILL LAMBERT,
Chief Clerk House Representatives.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in House amendments to substitute Senate bill No. 200.

(The President in the chair.)

SENATOR M'DONALD

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate proceed at 2 o'clock p. m., on Friday, the first proximo, to consider the charges against Judge Willis; that counsel for the State and the respondent himself together with counsel be heard before the Senate, and that two hours be allowed to each side, the State's counsel to have the right to open and conclude; and,

Resolved further, That a copy of the charges and findings referred to in the report of the special committee be served instant by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Judge Willis, and that he be notified by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the time set for hearing the same.

SENATOR GREGG

Moved to amend by changing time for cases to be argued from four to seven hours, three and a half hours for each side, provided the argument shall be concluded on Friday.

Adopted.

As amended, the resolution was adopted

THE PRESIDENT

Referred

Substitute House bill No. 445

To committee on asylums.

And

House bill No. 569

To Committee on Public Lands.

SENATOR FRANK

Sent up the following privileged report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined Senate bill No. 285, entitled:

"An act to authorize an election for the removal of the county seat of Hardin county," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

House bill No. 27.

"An act to prohibit the watering of stock and bonds by railroad corporations and to provide penalties for a violation of the same," was laid before the Senate and read second time.

On motion of Senator Pope it was agreed to consider the bill section by section.

SENATOR WOODS

Moved to

Amend section 1, page 1, line 2 by inserting after corporation the following "hereafter organized."

SENATOR WOODS

Favored
And

SENATORS ARMISTEAD AND HARRISON

Opposed the amendment and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

Burges,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Stinson,
Garrison,	Terrell,
Houston,	Woods.
Knittle,	Woodward.
Lane,	

NAYS—15.

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Armistead,	Gregg,
Bell,	Harrison,
Burney,	Jarvis,
Camp,	McDonald,
Davis,	MacManus
Douglass of J,	Stinson.
Douglass of G,	

ABSENT—3.

Calhoun,	Simkins.
Glascock,	

SENATOR POPE

Moved to amend section 1 so as to allow the railroad corporation to select the newspaper in which the notices referred to are published; provided such newspaper is in the county in which said office is located.

Adopted.

SENATOR POPE

Moved to amend so as to fix the penalties at a fine of not exceeding five

thousand dollars for any violation of the provisions of this section.

SENATORS ARMISTEAD, GREGG, SIMKINS
AND BURNEY

Opposed the amendment.

SENATORS POPE AND TERRELL

Favored the amendment.

SENATOR CLAIBORNE

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out five thousand and inserting five hundred.

On motion of Senator Pope,
The amendment was tabled.
(Senator Davis in the chair.)

SENATOR BURNEY

Moved to strike out "nor more than twenty thousand dollars."

SENATORS TERRELL AND POPE

Opposed the amendment and

SENATORS GREGG, SIMKINS AND BURNEY.

Favored it.

It was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—8.

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Armistead,	Gregg.
Burney,	Harrison,
Douglass of J,	Simkins.

NAYS—19.

Bell,	Jarvis,
Burges,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	Lane.
Camp,	MacManus.
Claiborne,	Pope,
Davis,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Woods.
Glascock,	Woodward.
Houston,	

ABSENT—1.

McDonald,

The amendment of Senator Pope was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Burges,	Garrison.
Claiborne,	Glascock.
Davis,	Houston,

Knittle,
Lane,
MacManus.
Pope,

Stinson,
Terrell,
Woods,
Woodward.

NAYS—12.

Abercrombie, Douglass of G.
Armistead, Frank,
Bell, Gregg,
Burney, Harrison,
Calhoun, Jarvis,
Camp, Simkins.

ABSENT—2.

Douglass of J, McDonald.

(The President in the chair.)

SENATOR BURGESS

Moved to amend by striking out in lines 4 and 5 of section 1 the words "and the written approval of the Attorney General of the State."
Adopted.

SENATOR ARMISTEAD

Moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR LANE

Moved to lay that motion on the table.
Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—16.

Burges, Jarvis,
Calhoun, Knittle,
Claiborne, Lane,
Davis, Pope,
Frank, Stinson,
Garrison, Terrell,
Glasscock, Woods,
Houston Woodward.

NAYS—11.

Abercrombie, Douglass of G,
Armistead, Gregg,
Bell, Harrison,
Burney, MacManus,
Camp, Simkins,
Douglass of J,

ABSENT—1.

McDonald.

SENATOR LANE

Moved to strike out section 1 of the bill.

SENATORS BELL, ARMISTEAD, AND STINSON

Opposed the motion.

SENATORS LANE AND BURGESS

Favored the motion.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—5.

Burges, Lane.
Calhoun Woodward.
Claiborne,

NAYS—23.

Abercrombie, Harrison,
Armistead, Houston,
Bell, Jarvis,
Burney, Knittle,
Camp, McDonald,
Davis, MacManus,
Douglass, of J Pope,
Douglass, of G Simkins,
Frank, Stinson,
Garrison, Terrell,
Glasscock, Woods
Gregg,

SENATOR STINSON

Moved to strike out all that relates to imprisonment as a part of the penalty.

SENATOR WOODWARD

Offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out all after the word "punished," in line 12, section 2, page 3, and by inserting in lieu thereof "by a fine in any sum not exceeding five thousand dollars."

Accepted.

SENATOR MACMANUS

Moved to strike out all of section 2.

SENATOR HARRISON

Moved the previous question on the amendment and the bill.

Seconded and the main question was ordered.

The amendment offered by Senator Woodward was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Burges,	Lane.
Calhoun,	MacManus.
Claiborne,	Pope.
Davis,	Stinson.
Garrison,	Terrell,
Glasscock,	Woods.
Houston.	Woodward.
Knittle.	

NAYS—12.

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Armistead,	Gregg,
Bell,	Harrison,
Burney,	Jarvis,
Camp,	McDonald,
Douglass of G,	Simkins.

ABSENT—1.

Douglass of J.

The amendment offered by Senator MacManus

Was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—6.

Burges,	Lane,
Claiborne,	MacManus,
Houston,	Woodward.

NAYS—21.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Knittle,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Camp,	Pope.
Davis,	Simkins.
Douglass of J,	Stinson,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods.
Glasscock,	

ABSENT—1.

Garrison.

The bill was passed to third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Abercrombie,	Gregg,
Armistead,	Harrison,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burney,	McDonald,
Camp,	Pope.
Douglass of J,	Simkins,
Douglass of G,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods.
Glasscock,	

NAYS—10.

Burges,	Claiborne,
Calhoun,	Davis,

Houston,
Knittle,
Lane,

MacManus,
Stinson.
Woodward.

ABSENT—1.

Garrison.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
AUSTIN. TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate;

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the report of the free conference committee on

Senate bill No. 71.

"An act to protect stockraisers, providing for the destruction of wolves, and to take other scalps."

Also,

That the House has adopted the report of the free conference committee on

House bill No. 128.

"An act to amend Articles 183 and 186 of the Penal Code."

Also,

That the House has passed

Senate bill No. 134.

"An act to amend Article 568, title 20, chapter 1, of an act to adopt and establish the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Also,

That the House has passed

House bill No. 569,

"An act to provide for ascertaining and correcting conflicts and errors in surveys of lands made for the common school, university or asylum funds, or other lands in which the State may be interested, to provide for the resurvey of same and for patenting and repeating surveys in certain cases," was taken up and read third time.

Also,

The House has passed

Senate bill No. 191,

"An act to provide for the appointment of district and county clerks pro tem. in certain cases."

That the House has passed

Senate bill No. 140,

"An act to legalize and validate the ordinances of cities and towns, incorporated under the provisions of title 17 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, wherein any ordinance imposing a penalty, fine, imprisonment or forfeiture for violation of its provisions has not been published in the official paper for ten days as required by law."

Also.

That the House has passed substitute Senate bill No. 195:

"An act to regulate the time and manner for catching or taking fish, oysters, crabs and shrimp within the limits of tide water on the coast of Texas and bayous, and in all the tributaries up to tide water within this State."

WILL LAMBERT,

Chief Clerk House Representatives.

On motion of Senator Burges,

The vote by which the Senate concurred in House amendments to substitute Senate bill No. 54, was reconsidered and the bill was ordered referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir—I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House passed the following bill:

Senate bill No. 261,

"An act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and the establishment, location, construction and maintenance of a State orphan asylum," with amendments.

WILL LAMBERT.

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

SENATOR POPE

Moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Lost.

SENATOR HOUSTON

Moved that the Senate adjourn till 8 o'clock p. m.

SENATOR WOODS

Moved to adjourn till 9:15 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The last motion was put first and the Senate adjourned till 9:45 o'clock to-morrow morning by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Abercrombie,	Jarvis,
Armistead,	Knittle,
Bell,	MacManus.
Burges,	Pope.
Davis,	Stinson.
Douglass of J,	Terrell,
Frank,	Woods.

NAYS—13.

Burney,	Harrison,
Calhoun,	Houston,
Camp,	Lane,
Claiborne,	McDonald,
Douglass of G,	Sinkins,
Glasscock,	Woodward.
Gregg,	

ABSENT—1.

Garrison.

SIXTY-NINTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 30, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Armistead,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR ARMISTEAD:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 31, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred

Substitute House bill No. 445, being:

"An act to establish an asylum for the deaf and dumb and the blind of the youth of the people of color of the State of Texas, and to provide for its government and maintenance and making an appropriation therefor," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARMISTEAD, chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, March 30, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed